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## **Box PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

New U.S. Patent Application

Title: TOTAL ORDER COMPARATOR UNIT FOR COMPARING

VALUES OF TWO FLOATING POINT OPERANDS

Inventor: Guy L. Steele, Jr.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- Application 53 pages (incl. abstract and cover sheet), including 3 independent 1. claims and 33 claims total.
- Formal Drawings 4 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-4). 2.
- 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
- Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Sun Microsystems, Inc. (2 4. pages).
- 5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$	740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	33	-	20	13	x \$18		234.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$84		0.00
☐ Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$280							_
Subtotal						\$	974.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-	0.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$	974.00

6. A check for \$1014.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$740.00 filing fee; \$234.00 additional claims fee; and \$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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